

PLAYOFF NOTES – GAME TWO

Merritt Centennials at Wenatchee Wild

Saturday March 3, 2018



It's Game Two of the BCHL Interior Division Quarterfinals as the #3 seed Wenatchee Wild take on the #6 seed Merritt Centennials in the second game of this best-of-seven series at Town Toyota Center. The Wild lead the series, 1-0.

HEAD TO HEAD: It's the first season in the Interior Division for Wenatchee, and the first postseason pairing between these two franchises. They've met head to head 10 times over the three seasons since Wenatchee joined the BCHL, and each side has won 5 times. The Wild are 4-2-0 vs Merritt this season, but 2-3-0 all time at home against the Centennials. Wenatchee blanked Merritt in the series opener on Thursday, with a 4-0 shutout win.

WHO TO WATCH FOR: BCHL MVP Jasper Weatherby (37g, 37a) led the Wild and the BCHL in points (74), and had a three point night in Game 1 including the first two goals. BCHL Top Defenseman Cooper Zech (11g, 58a) led all BCHL defensemen during the regular season, and had a pair of assists in Game 1. He also finished tied for third overall in the league. Goalie Seth Eisele played the last 14 straight regular season games as Austin Park rehabbed from injury and turned in a 14-save shutout in his Game 1 win. He played all six games against Merritt in the regular season. Merritt forwards Henry Cleghorn (20g, 28a) and Nick Wicks (12g, 34a) provide significant offensive punch. Leading defensive scorer and team captain Tyrell Buckley did not make the trip, but is expected to be available when the series shifts to Merritt next week. Goalie Jake Berger started Game 1, but was relieved by Austin Roden after the fourth goal. Berger went 2-2-0 vs Wenatchee this year with a 3.72 goals against avg. and .918 save pct.

SPECIAL TEAMS: WEN PP -6/28 21.4% SERIES: 2/8 - 25% (Head to Head) MER PP -3/21 14.3% 0/2 - 0%

MEDIA: Tonight's game and all Wild games are aired on Sunny FM (93.9 FM), and available on a pay-per-view basis with HockeyTV.com. Pregame show airs tonight at 6:45 pm.

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Game 3 – Tue Mar 6 at Merritt
Game 4 – Wed Mar 7 at Merritt
*Game 5 – Fri Mar 9 at Merritt
*Game 6 – Sun Mar 11 at HOME
*Game 7 – Mon Mar 12 at HOME
(* - if necessary)

